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1. BEGIN LOU. SUMMARY. PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S 65-MINUTE
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INAUGURAL SPEECH ON ASSUMING FULL-TERM PRESIDENCY IN HIS
OWN RIGHT WAS DISAPPOINTING. INSTEAD OF BREAKING
NEW GROUND, HE DWELT ON THE PAST, PROMISED INALTERABLE
FIDELITY TO MAKARIOS' POLICIES, RESTATED HARDLINE
POSITIONS ON RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS
(SYG MUST CONSULT BOTH PARTIES ON TURKISH PROPOSALS
TO DETERMINE WHETHER BASIS FOR RESUMPTION EXISTS),

AND SIGNALLED HIS READINESS, IF NOT PREFERENCE, TO RESORT TO THE "LONG STRUGGLE." IN SEVENTEEN PAGE RHETORICAL APPEAL TO IMMOBILISM, UNINTERRUPTED BY APPLAUSE, KYPRIANOU ALSO REAFFIRMED CYPRUS' NONALIGNED STAND AND HIS INTENTION TO FURTHER INTERNATIONALIZE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. WHILE ATTEMPTING BALANCED EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION FOR ASSISTANCE FROM EASTERN AND WESTERN DONORS, HE SUCCEEDED IN GIVING A DISTORTED PICTURE, SUGGESTING USSR WAS AS HELPFUL AS U.S. HE WRONGLY DEPICTED GREECE AS LARGEST AID DONOR. IN TERMS OF SUPPORT ON CYPRUS PROBLEM HE CAST USSR IN MUCH MORE FAVORABLE LIGHT THAN U.S. HE CRITICIZED U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS AND THREATENED THAT LIFTING THE EMBARGO ON ARMS TO TURKEY WOULD RESULT IN A "NON-FRIENDLY FEELING" TOWARD THE U.S. IN BOTH CYPRUS AND GREECE. END SUMMARY. END LOU.

2. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. FULL TEXT OF PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S SPEECH BEING POUCHED DEPT, EUR/SE, ANKARA, AND ATHENS. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS:

--TONIGHT I PAY TRIBUTE TO OUR GREAT LEADER AND PLEDGE TO CONTINUE HIS WORK, TO REALIZE HIS VISIONS, TO FOLLOW HIS PATH AND NOT TO DIVIATE FROM HIS LEGACIES AND THE CAUSE CHARTED BY HIM....I SHALL CONTINUE THE WORK OF MAKARIOS IN ORDER TO BRING IT TO A CONCLUSION, GUIDED BY HIS POLICIES AND PHILOSOPHY.
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--I WISH TO ASSURE ONCE MORE THE RELATIVES OF MISSING PERSONS THAT I SHALL NOT STOP MAKING EFFORTS FOR THE TRACING OF THEIR BELOVED ONES....I SHALL CONTINUE MY EFFORTS UNTIL TURKEY IS FORCED TO AGREE TO AN ACCEPTABLE PROCEDURE TO ASCERTAIN THE FATE OF THE MISSING PERSONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

--I AGAIN WISH TO ASSURE OUR UPROOTED BROTHERS THAT I SHALL NOT STOP FIGHTING FOR THEIR RETURN TO THEIR ANCESTRAL HOMES, THE LAND OF THEIR FATHERS, WHERE THEY WERE BORN AND BROUGHT UP. (HE ALSO PROMISED SUPPORT FOR THE ENCLAVED GREEKS.)

--THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO DOUBT AT ALL THAT THE CONTINUOUS INTERNATIONALISATION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM CONSTITUTES THE RIGHT COURSE BECAUSE ONLY THUS SHALL WE BE ABLE TO OFFSET THE ADVERSE FACTOR OF OCCUPATION AND THE MATERIAL FORCE OF THE TURKISH OPPRESSOR.
WE
SHALL TURN IN EVERY DIRECTION IN ORDER TO SECURE

MAXIMUM SUPPORT AND TO CREATE THE RIGHT CLIMATE IN WHICH TURKEY WILL BE FORCED, SOONER OR LATER, TO ABANDON HER EXPANSIONIST AND PARTITIONIST PLANS...IN THIS SPIRIT WE ACCEPTED AND SUPPORT THE SOVIET UNION'S PROPOSAL FOR A WIDE CONFERENCE ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS AS A CORRECT PROCEDURE.

--I CONSIDER IT IMPERATIVE TO STRESS IN PARTICULAR THAT OUR MAINSTAY IN OUR STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL AND VINDICATION IS THE SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY OF GREECE. IT IS THIS CONCLUSION AND THIS MESSAGE I CONVEY FROM MY RECENT VISIT TO ATHENS. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT, THE POLITICAL WORLD AND THE ENTIRE GREEK PEOPLE STAND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHOLEHEARTEDLY BY THE SIDE OF THE CRUELLY TIRED GREEK PEOPLE OF CYPRUS WHO ARE STRUGGLING FOR THEIR FREEDOM. STANDING ON OUR SIDE ARE ALSO THE GREEKS ALL OVER THE WORLD WHO CONSTITUTE A SIGNIFICANT FORCE IN OUR STRUGGLE.

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--I WISH TO REPEAT THAT AN ABSOLUTE DISTINCTION SHOULD BE DRAWN BETWEEN THE ANTI-GREEK JUNTA WHICH BETRAYED AND RUINED CYPRUS AND BROUGHT GREECE HERSELF TO THE BRINK OF THE PRECIPICE, ON THE ONE HAND, AND TRUE GREECE, THE GREECE OF LOFTY IDEALS AND DEMOCRACY, ON THE OTHER.

--WE REPOSE MANY HOPES IN THE SUPPORT OF THE NON-ALIGNED WORLD AND IT IS NOT AT ALL AN EXAGGERATION TO SAY THAT THANKS TO THE SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY OF PRACTICALLY ALL THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WE HAVE REPEATEDLY MANAGED TO

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FIND JUSTICE AT THE UNITED NATIONS AND TODAY WE ARE IN A POSITION TO INVOKE ITS DECISIONS WHICH CONSTITUTE THE POLITICAL SHIELD OF OUR NATIONAL CAUSE...THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE OVERLOOK THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF OTHER POWERS MAKING UP THE INTERNATIONAL FACTOR.

--DESPITE THE BITTERNESS WE HAVE FELT BECAUSE OF THE ATTITUDE OF SOME WESTERN COUNTRIES, WE WILL CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED STATES AND WEST EUROPE ARE IN A BETTER POSITION THAN ANYONE ELSE TO HELP FIND A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH UN RESOLUTIONS. AND IN HIS DIRECTION WE SHALL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO DEVELOP CLOSE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH THE WESTERN WORLD, WHICH IS IN A POSITION TO EXERT EFFECTIVE PRESSURES ON TURKEY AND FORCE HER TO RADICALLY CHANGE HER POLICY.

--AT THIS POINT I SHOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THE LATEST AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION'S REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONGRESS DO NOT REFLECT REALITY AND IN FACT CONFLICT WITH THE FINDINGS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE. WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE TRUTH. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO WARN THAT A POSSIBLE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO OR ITS DISASSOCIATION FROM THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WOULD HAVE MOST ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES BECAUSE APART FROM THE FACT THAT THIS WOULD BE AN INCONSISTENT MOVE BY THE UNITED STATES, SINCE THE REASONS FOR WHICH THE EMBARGO WAS IMPOSED CONTINUE TO EXIST, SUCH ACTION WOULD HAVE AS A RESULT

THE CREATION OF A NON FRIENDLY FEELING, BOTH IN GREECE
AND CYPRUS, TOWARDS THE UNITED STATES.

--WE DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES
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AND WE LIKE TO BELIEVE THAT IT WILL EXERT ITS
INFLUENCE
IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION USING ALL THE POSSIBILITIES
PROVIDED TO IT BY ITS CLOSE LINKS WITH TURKEY AND THIS
COUNTRY'S DEPENDENCE ON THE UNITED STATES. IT IS A
MISTAKE TO THINK THAT THE CYPRIOT PEOPLE HAVE
ANTI-AMERICAN FEELINGS. ON THE CONTRARY, WE ARE
GRATEFUL FOR THE STAND OF THE U.S. CONGRESS SO FAR.
ON OUR PART WE SHALL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO
IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED
STATES.

--WE ALSO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION AND THANKS TO THE
SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. WE
EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE WHICH
HAS SO FAR BEEN CONSISTENTLY PROVIDED TO US WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WILL CONTINUE AND WILL
BECOME MORE DECISIVE AND EFFECTIVE. THE SOVIET UNION
AND THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ARE IN A POSITION TO DO
MUCH MORE FOR OUR CAUSE.

--WE DO NOT REFUSE TO ENTER INTO A DIALOGUE. ON THE
CONTRARY WE ARE SEEKING A DIALOGUE AND AS IT IS WELL
KNOWN, DESPITE OUR BITTER EXPERIENCE OF THE PAST, WE
ARE NEGOTIATING THE RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL
TALKS, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS TIME THE TURKISH
SIDE WILL SUBMIT IN ADVANCE CONCRETE AND COMPREHENSIVE
PROPOSALS BOTH ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND THE TERRITORIAL
ISSUE AND THAT THESE PROPOSALS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE
UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL HIMSELF, WHO WILL
SUBSEQUENTLY FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE OF CONSULTATIONS
IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH WHETHER THERE IS SUBSTANTIVE
GROUND FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS. THIS PROCESS
IS THE MOST CORRECT AND AGREEMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN REACHED
ON IT.

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--WITH THE OBJECT OF HELPING IMPROVE THE CLIMATE
I WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION, AS I REPEATEDLY STATED,

TO MEETING WITH THE TURKISH PREMIER.

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--WHILE WE ARE ABSOLUTELY READY FOR AN EARLY
SOLUTION ON THE BASIS OF THE ACCEPTEABLE PROCEDURES
I HAVE MENTIONED AND ON THE BASIS OF THE PRICIPLES
AND PROVISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS, WE
ARE AT THE SAME TIME READY AND ARE MAKING PREPARATIONS
IN ALL FIELDS, IF THE NEED ARISES, FOR A LONG STRUGGLE,
WHICH IS NOT OUR OWN CHOICE BUT IS MADE IMPERATIVE BY
TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE....THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS
CONTAIN ALL THE NECESSARY ELEMENTS FOR A JUST SOLUTION
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TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. THEY DEMAND THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE OCCUPATION TROOPS, THE TEROINATION OF FOREIGN INTERVENTIONS WHICH HAVE IN FACT CREATED THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND THE RETURN OF THE REFUGEES TO THEIR ANCESTRAL HOMES.

--AS REGARDS THE INTERNAL ASPECTS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE IS OF COURSE OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE....WE CANNOT OVERLOOK THE POPULATION PERCENTAGE. AND WE CANNOT OVERLOOK THE POPULATION PERCENTAGE IN THE CASE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL ASPECT EITHER.

--BUT APART FROM THE TERRITORIAL QUESTION AND THE POWERS OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT THERE ARE ALSO THE BASIC AND INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF CITIZENS SUCH AS THE RIGHT TO FREE MOVEMENT, THE RIGHT TO FREE SETTLEMENT AND THE RIGHT TO PROPERTY.

--AS REGARDS THE OTHER ASPECTS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, ANY SOLUTION WITHOUT THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE OCCUPATION TROOPS AND THE SETTLERS IS INCONCEIVABLE. WE SHALL NOT ALLOW THE DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTER OF OUR COUNTRY TO BE CHANGED.

--I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERLINE THE GREAT IMPORTANCE I ATTACH TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ISLAND'S DEFENCE.

--I SHALL MAKE EVERY EFFORT FOR THE COMPLETE NORMALISATION OF THE INTERNAL SITUATION AND THE CONSOLIDATION OF A CLIMATE OF REAL UNITY AMONG ALL THE PEOPLE, AND ALL NECESSARY MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN IN THIS DIRECTION. FOR THIS REASON THE GOVERNMENT WILL, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTER ALIA, SPEED UP THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAW RELATING TO THE PURGE, WHICH IS AN ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITE TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THE UNITY, NOT ONLY BECAUSE THE GUILTY WILL BE PUNISHED BUT ALSO BECAUSE THE INDEFINITE PROTRACTION OF THIS ISSUE INEVITABLY CONSTITUTES A CAUSE OF FRICTION AND CONFLICT.

--AS REGARDS THE STRENGTHENING OF OUR ECONOMY I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THE GREAT IMPORTANCE I ATTACH TO THE MORE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE NATIONAL INCOME AND, CONSEQUENTLY, OF THE BURDERS OF THE STRUGGLE AND THAT OUR ECONOMIC POLICY WILL CONSTANTLY AIM AT THIS TARGE. IT IS NOT PERMISSIBLE FOR THE RIGHT TO GET

RIGHER AND THE POOR TO GET POORER. THE MORE EQUITABLE
DISTRIBUTION OF THE NATIONAL INCOME IS NOT ONLY A
MEASURE NECESSARY FOR A CORRECT ECONOMIC POLICY, BUT
AT THE SAME TIME THE BASIS OF THE RIGHT SOCIAL
POLICY, WHICH CONTRIBUTES GREATLY TO TRANQUILITY
AND UNITY AMONG THE PEOPLE.

--CONCERNING THE PRIVATE SECTOR, I SHOULD LIKE TO
STRESS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE
ALL NECESSARY INCENTIVES FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF
PRIVATE INITIATIVE AND AT THIS POINT I SHOULD LIKE TO
PRAISE THE CREATIVE SPIRIT OF THE CYPRIOT ENTREPRENEUR
AND TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANT ROLE PLAYED BY THE
PRIVATE SECTOR SO FAR IN THE RECOVERY OF THE COUNTRY'S
ECONOMY....THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING
POSSIBLE TO STRENGTHEN PRIVATE INITIATIVE.

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--REGARDING FOREIGN AID, I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY
THANKS TO ALL COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE IN ANY WAY ASSISTED
THE GOVERNMENT DRIVE, EITHER THROUGH DIRECT ECONOMIC
AID, SUCH AS IN THE CASE OF THE UNITED STATES WHOSE AID
HAS BEEN REMARKABLE, OR IN AN INDIRECT WAY THROUGH THE
ABSORPTION OF CYPRUS PRODUCTS, SUCH AS IN THE CASE OF
THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.
I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE VARIOUS ARAB COUNTRIES
FOR ALLOWING AND ENCOURAGING CYPRUS BUSINESS TO
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OPERATE ON THEIR TERRITORY, THUS CONTRIBUTING TO THE
DEVELOPMENT OF OUR EXPORT TRADE AND PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT
TO CYPRIOT WORKERS AT A DIFFICULT PERIOD FOR CYPRUS.

--I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS IN PARTICULAR THAT THE
LARGEST ECONOMIC AID GIVEN TO CYPRUS SINCE THE 1974
EVENTS IS THE AID PROVIDED BY GREECE FROM THE
PRIVATIONS OF OUR GREEK BROTHERS. THIS AID HAS BEEN
ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AND SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS
TO OUR BUDGET.

--REFERRING AGAIN TO THE QUESTION OF OUR RELATIONS
WITH OTHER COUNTRIES I WISH TO STATE CATEGORICALLY
THAT I SHALL DO MY BEST TO MAINTAIN AND DEVELOP OUR
LINKS AND COOPERATION WITH ALL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD,
REGARDLESS OF IDEOLOGICAL ORIENTATIONS OR POLITICAL
OR MILITARY BLOCS. I SHALL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE FOR
THE WARMING UP OF OUR RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES WITH
WHICH OUR RELATIONS HAVE BEEN DISTURBED (I.E., EGYPT).

--I WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT I SHALL RULE THE COUNTRY AS
PRESIDENT OF THE WHOLE OF THE PEOPLE. (KYPRIANOU'S
ANSWER TO SADAT'S DISRECOGNITION.)

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